

APPROVED

TOWN OF WESTFORD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

DATE: August 3, 2004

TIME: 6:44 P.M.

PLACE: Abbot Millennium School

PRESENT: Robert Jefferies, Dini Healy-Coffin, Christopher Romeo,
Allan Loiselle, James Silva

OTHERS

PRESENT: Steve Ledoux-Town Manager

**Motion to Go Into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing
Disciplinary Action of a Public Officer, Staff Member, or Individual**

**It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Romeo, and VOTED
UNANIMOUSLY, to go into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. for the purpose of
discussing disciplinary action of a public officer, staff member, or individual.**
A polling of the Board: Jefferies-yes; Healy-Coffin-yes; Romeo-yes; Loiselle-yes;
Silva-yes. Pat Savage, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Richard Rochon,
Fire Chief, were also present. The Board reconvened to regular session at the
end of Executive Session to discuss the remaining agenda items.

Reconvene to Regular Session

The Board reconvened to regular session at 7:55 p.m.

Discussion regarding Veterans Memorial Complex with Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Board of Water Commissioners, Permanent School Building Committee, Stony Brook Master Plan Committee

Jefferies reported that the Permanent School Building Committee (PSBC) has taken over the job from the contractor. The PSBC will be putting a remediation plan out to bid for the lower field at the Veterans Memorial Complex. Jefferies also reported that the as-built plan shows the topography to be correct.

Ken Morgan, Chairman of the PSBC, outlined the plans for the lower field incorporating the Integrated Pest Management Plan. Pat Savage, Director of Parks & Recreation, suggested using an alternative seeding mix which she felt would work better. Morgan pointed out that prior to going out for bid; the plans will be reviewed by Savage, the Recreation Commission, the Water Department and the Conservation Commission for input. Healy-Coffin suggested that Savage work with the Landscape Architect directly.

The group had a roundtable discussion regarding the use of the lower fields, artificial turf, washed sod, anticipated costs, and timelines regarding the various field surfaces. The PSBC will investigate the cost of washed sod. Jefferies explained the SBAB reimbursement process under the new legislation. Jefferies suggested that the lower fields could be used for 5 years with the sod and then fundraising efforts could be conducted to raise money for the artificial turf. Jefferies also suggested a limited use of the lower fields and looking for town land to build an artificial turf field. Romeo felt that the level of education regarding artificial turf needed to be raised. Savage addressed the need for playing fields.

Healy-Coffin suggested that the PSBC investigate the cost of washed sod, provide the bids to all the groups for review and have another meeting in a few weeks to determine the best course of action.

Fred Callahan, 7 Chippewa Road, Recreation Commission, urged the group to visit Lincoln Park in Lexington for a better understanding of artificial turf.

Adjournment

It was moved by Healy-Coffin, seconded by Romeo, and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Steve Ledoux, Town Manager

Robert Jefferies, Chairman

